Opening of TV centres in Bihar

2283 SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of places in Bihar where Government had opened television centres during the last three years;

(b) what are the names of places where Government propose to start television centres during 1987-88;

(c) what are the names of places where the television centres had been sanctioned but have not been opened so far;

(d) what are the reasons for delay in this regard; and

(e) by when Government propose to start work on such sanctioned television centres and by when the said work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) TV transmitters have been set up at the following places in Bihar during the last three years:

1. Bettiah
2. Bhagalpur
3. Darbhanga
4 Dhanbad
5 Gaya
6. Jamshedpur
7. Munger
8. Purnia
9. Ranchi

Besides, the low power (100 Watt) TV transmitter at Patna was replaced by a high power (10 Kilowatt) transmitter

(b) to (e) Establishment to TV studio centres at Patna and Ranchi and programme generation facilities at Daltonganj; two high power (10 Kilowatt) transmitters, one each at Daltonganj and Katihar and 11 low power (100 Watt) transmitters, one each at Begusarai, Forebesganj, Giridih, Gopalganj, Madhubani, Motihari, Saharsa, Sasaram, Singhbhum, Sitamarhi and Siwan, is included in the VII Plan of Doordarshan.

Implementation of the schemes mentioned above would depend on the annual allocation of resources, availability of suitable sites, and the time needed for supply of the required equipment by the indigenous manufacturers.

Opening of a TV centre at Begusarai in Bihar

2284. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA. Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for opening a T V. Centre at Begusarai area of Barauni in Bihar;

(b) if so, since when this proposal is pending,

(c) whether Government are aware that though Begusarai is surrounded by Patna, Mungair and Muzaffarpur TV Centres, but the residents of Begusarai are not in a position to get T.V. programmes being relayed from these T V. Centres;

(d) whether Government propose to provide this facility for the residents of this town, and

(e) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b), (d) and (e) The VII Plan of Doordarshan provides, *inter-alia,* for the establishment of a large number of new TV transmitters, including a low power (100W) transmitter at Begusarai. These transmitters can be installed only in phases, depending on the annual allocation of Plan resources, time required by the indigenous manufacturers to supply the requisite equipment and overall priorities. Installation of the proposed new transmitter at Begusarai was also depend on thbe factors.

(c) Parts of Begusarai district are within the service area of the existing high power (10 Kilowatt) TV transmitter at Patna However, the existing high power (1 Kilowatt) transmitter at Muzaffarpur and low power (100 Watt) transmitter at Mungair are not expected to provide service to Begusarai

Purchase of defence items from US

2285 SHRI SURAJ PRASAD Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) what are the defence items being purchased from US,

(b) what conditions are attached there by the US, and

(c) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to purchase light combat aircraft from England?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH) (a) No weapon systems have been purchased from US sources. Some communication systems and sensors have been purchased and a contract for GE 404 engines has been signed

(b) No special conditions have been attached to these purchases

(c) No, Sir

Reservation of Group 'C' and 'D' posts for Retired Defence Personnel

2286 SHRI TALARI MANOHAR. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) what is the number of Group 'C' and 'D' posts reserved by Government for the retired defence personnel during the last three years; and

(b) what is th number of said posts actually filled up and the reasons for the shortfall, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH) (a) and (b) Government of India have made reservation for ex-servicemen in all Government departments, Public Sector Undertakings and Public Sector Banks as given below:—

	Government Departments	Public Sector Undertakings/Banks
Group 'C' Posts	10%	14½%
Group 'D' Posts	20%	24½%

10 per cent of posts of Assistant Commandants in Para Military Forces

The details of vacancies reserved for ex-servicemen and the number of vacancies filled by them from 1983 to 1985 in the Central Government Departments, Public Sector Undertakings/Banks etc are given in Statement-I [*See* Appendix CXI, Annexure No 85]

Reasons for shortfall in the utilisation of reserved vacancies for ex-servicemen are given in Statement-II [*See* Appendix CXL, Annexure No 86]

Waiting list for telephone connections in Maharashtra

2287 SHRI NARESH C PUGLIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applicants from each district of Maharashtra whose